

REMARKS

The outstanding issues in the instant application are as follows:

- The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(4).
- The disclosure is objected to for informalities.
- Claims 1 – 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Applicants hereby traverse the outstanding objections and rejections, and request reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein. Claims 1 – 13 are pending in this application.

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicants have amended FIGURE 9A to re-number the query element between home core 202B and portal 901 from 904 to 906. Support for this amendment can be found, at least, in original FIGURE 9A, which depicted query 906 being transmitted between home core 202B and remote core 202A. Applicants have also amended FIGURE 9A to re-number the object element between home core 202B and 202A from 904 to 903. Support for this amendment can be found, at least, in the third paragraph of page 15 of the original specification. No new matter was added.

Applicants are submitting a complete formal set of drawings with this response.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants have amended the specification to correct the informalities in the trademarks noted in the application. Applicants have changed the trademarks to be all capital letters with reference to the TM identifier and added the generic terminology where applicable. No new matter was added.

Applicants further amended the specification to reflect the changes in FIGURE 9A. No new matter was added.

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 was amended to change “a query” to “the query” on line 4 of the claim. The amendment is intended to correct a typographical error. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification and in original claim 8. No new matter was added.

IV. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1 – 13 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,295,531 to Bae et al., (hereinafter *Bae*).

Claim 1, as amended, requires, “receiving a query from a client; sending the query from the system core to a remote core over a communication network; and in response to the query, receiving from the remote core a message identifying a remote resource.” Claim 8 requires, a “system core computer program comprising computer instructions for ... receiving a query from a client; sending the query to a remote core; and in response to the query, receiving from the remote core a message identifying a remote resource.” The Examiner cites to column 12, lines 6 – 35 and column 16, lines 24 – 49 of *Bae* as teaching these claim limitations. However, Applicants assert that the cited selections from *Bae* do not teach or suggest the claim limitations of claims 1 and 8.

The Examiner did not specifically identify which elements from *Bae* that he contends are the system core or which apparatus he contends are the remote core. Therefore, Applicants have endeavored to analyze the devices described in the identified portions of *Bae* without the benefit of the rejection of record setting forth which aspects of *Bae* are believed by the Examiner to meet the particular claim limitations expressly set forth in the present claims.

The user, the Internet workstation 396, the Web server 400, and the remote database 422 are each described in the cited selections from *Bae*. The *Bae* user accesses Web server 400 for the Cool ICE homepage by entering a previously defined URL in the Internet workstation 396. Col. 16, lns 26 – 29. As is well known in the art, a URL is a path or masked indirect location of a particular Web page being served by a particular Web server. Thus, a URL is not a query that is received from a client either at the Internet workstation 396 or Web server 400 when the *Bae* user accesses the Web server 400.

Bae discloses, on column 16, lines 31 – 32, that the Cool ICE data wizard 420 determines the nature of a service request before it begins processing. However, whether or not a service request in the cited selections of *Bae* constitutes a query does not need to be determined because the result of the determination by the Cool ICE data wizard 420 is a SQL script which is transferred to repository 438 for storage at query definition storage area 436, which is still part of Web server 400. Col. 16, lns 34 – 36. Therefore, if the Examiner were alleging that the *Bae* user is the client, that the Internet workstation 396 is the system core, and the Web server 400 (or any applications running on Web server 400) is the remote core, there is no message identifying a remote resource received from the remote core as required by claims 1 and 8, because no message is transmitted from the Web server 400 to Internet workstation 396 with regard to the resulting SQL script. The SQL script, which Applicants maintain is not a message identifying a remote resource, nonetheless remains within the Web server 400.

Bae also discusses the process of executing an existing query definition. According to *Bae*, a query definition is a completed query that includes a sequence of command statements in the SQL language or other similar language that defines all of the database management system functions that must be performed to properly respond to a service request that has already been made by the user. Col. 14, lns 41 – 51. When an existing query definition is to be executed, the Cool ICE engine 428, which is essentially the Classic MAPPER database management system, runs the corresponding SQL script, thereby accessing the remote databases 422 and producing a report with the retrieved information. Col. 16, lns 37 – 49. That report is formatted within Web server 400 into an HTML page that is then transferred to the Internet workstation 396. Col. 16, lns 44 – 49. The report that is delivered to the Internet workstation 396 is a presentation of the results from the remote databases 422. Col. 16, lns 48 – 49. It is not a message identifying the remote resource, as required in claims 1 and 8. Therefore, *Bae* does not teach each and every element of claims 1 and 8.

Web server 400 could also not be the system core of claims 1 and 8 as it also does not send a query to a remote core. If Web server 400 were the system core of claims 1 and 8, then it would be required to send a query to a remote core. The only element from the cited selections of *Bae* that arguably could be the remote core would then be the remote database 422 (it being noted that Applicants do not concede that remote database 422 meets the recited

remote core). However, *Bae* does not teach or suggest that a query is sent from the Web server 400 to the remote database 422. *Bae* only teaches that the paths (414 and 416) between the data wizard 420 and the ICE Admin 432 enable registration of the required databases. Col. 16, Ins 31 – 34. The data wizard 420 and ICE Admin 432 are both part of Web server 400. Therefore, no signal, not even a query, is taught or suggested by *Bae* as being sent from a system core to a remote core. Thus, neither Web server 400 nor any of its described components could be considered to teach or suggest the system core of claim 1. Applicants, therefore, contend that claims 1 and 8 are patentable over the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of record.

Dependent claims 2 – 7 and 9 – 13 each depend either directly or indirectly from base claims 1 and 8, respectfully, and, thus, inherit each and every limitation thereof. Therefore, because of their dependency, claims 2 – 7 and 9 – 13 teach limitations not disclosed or suggested by *Bae*. Applicants, thus, assert that claims 1 – 13 are patentable over the §102(e) rejections of record and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw same.

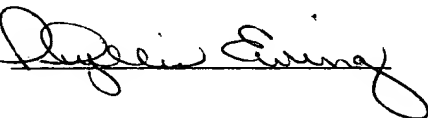
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10001279-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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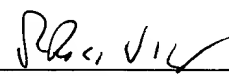
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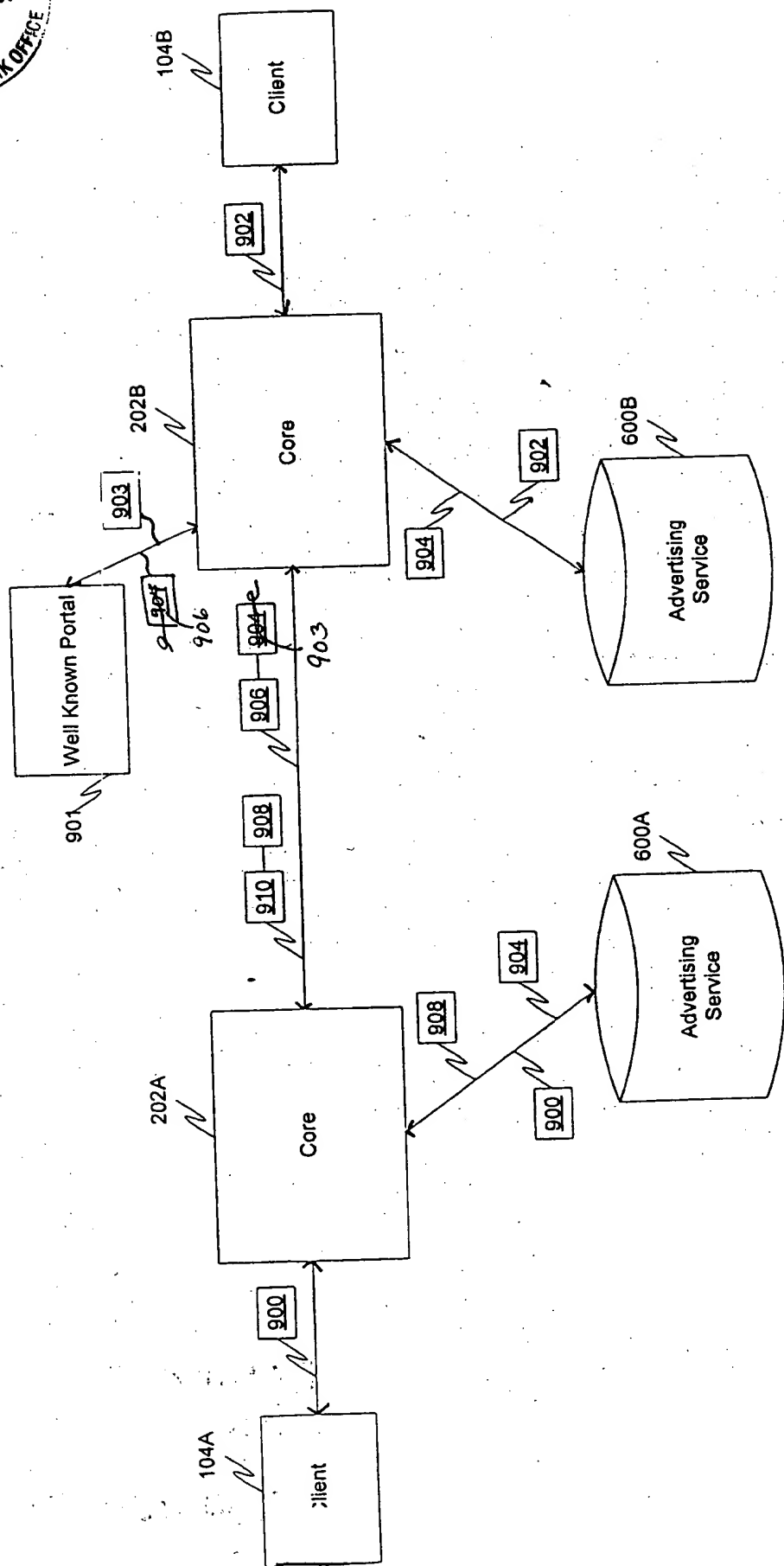


FIG. 9A